Guest Family Photograph Album

Archie Guest's Bloodline

Son of John Kidd Guest and Matilda Mangam Guest, nee Connolly
Original immigrants to Melbourne from Ireland 1857

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ARCHIBALD GUEST

8th January 1866 – 31st March 1932

Son of John Kidd Guest bapt 1834-1871 of
Cloughjordan & Templemore Tipperary, Ireland
& Matilda Mangam Guest 1835-1884
nee Connolly of Maynooth, Kildare, Ireland

Brother of William, John, Harriet & Charles

Husband of Florence Matilda Guest 1890-1968
nee Logan of Jeparit
Father of Ivy, Percy, Cliff, Tilly, Jack & Lindsay Guest

BECAUSE I LIVE, YE SHAL LIVE ALSO

Erected by grandson John L.R. Guest of Melbourne
For & behalf of Archibald & Florence's descendants
8-1-2023 RCI-0718

Left to right, father Archie Guest aged 52 years, Cliff aged 2 years, Percy aged 4 ½, baby Tilly aged 6-8 month being held by mother Florence, age 29 years

HOTHAM FOOTBALL CLUB. 1886.

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DH&A 23 - VX56864

Mr J Guest
11 Chapman Street
MACLEOD VIC 3085

Dear Mr Guest

It is with pleasure I enclose the following awards for which Jack Guest qualified as a result of service with the Australian Defence Force.

- War Medal 1939-45
- Australia Service Medal 1939-45

These awards acknowledge the valuable service given to our nation.

For more information, please contact the Directorate on 1800 333 362 or email honours.awards@defence.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Ian Heldon

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Director
Directorate of Honours and Awards
27 November 2023

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HEADQUARTERS : VICTORIA L of C AREA . FORM A. 1.

PROCEEDINGS of DISCHARGE.
(To be compiled by Reception Com p and forwarded to Records Office on completion of Discharge.)

L of C Area Authy. 186378 Date 12.12.42 NR & O. DVI

Name (in full) GUEST Jack

V56864 Block, Rank Pte Unit X Coy. Caul'd. GOD and

CERT OF DISCHARGE NO. 24975 Widower, Married, Single (Cross out as required,)

Discharge at Reception Camp, Caulfield on

As at 22.12.42

MEDICAL PARTICULARS of DISCHARGE (To be compiled by examining M.O.)

Age 21 HEIGHT 5' 6" COMPLEXION Medium

EYES Hazel HAIR Brown DISTINCTIVE MARKS

I certify that the soldier named above, on the date of Discharge DID/DID NOT claim or reveal a disability caused or aggravated by WAR SERVICE. (Strike out DID or DIDNOT AS APPLICABLE.)
If any such disability was claimed or revealed, the matter has been investigated by a Medical Board.
Signature of EXAMINING OFFICER, Med Offr 22-12-42

In cases where the disability has not been investigated Discharge will be deferred.

REASON FOR DISCHARGE Own

Total period of Service towards Completion of Engagements 674 Days. Including Service Abroad of 168 Days.

Postal place of residence after Discharge to which DAO may be posted is 120 Barkly St Fitzroy

UNIFORM RETURNED Yes PLAIN CLOTHES ISSUED Yes OR

DISPATCHED TO BY L Road ON 12.12.42

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my Pay, Allowances, and Clothing, all just accounts up to the present date, subject to the reservations or claims noted on the reserve side thereof.

PLACE Caulfield (Signature of Soldier)

DATE 22.12.42 (Signature of Witness)

CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE.

I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me in accordance with regulations and hereby confirm the Discharge.

PLACE CAULFIELD (Signature & appointment of confirming Officer.)

DATE 22.12.42

Discharge in duplicate. Certificate of Discharge placed in Port. of Discharge posted to on Personal file

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Jack Guest

An outstanding schoolboy footballer who originally attended St Bridget's school in Fitzroy. Played junior football for Carlton with Carlton Districts in 1934 and 1935. Wally Haysom, a 1919 Collingwood premiership player acted as a mentor for Jack after his father died in 1932. With the help of Wally and his own talent the young 15-year-old was cleared to train for the Blues in the pre-season of 1936.

His form was so impressive he was named as an emergency in the very first Carlton reserves game of the 1936 season, a remarkable trajectory for a 15-year-old. This was the sliding doors moment of his career as it seems, so close to claiming a spot in the big time.

He played mainly as a resting rover after playing his junior years as a ruck rover. In the 1936 and 1937 seasons Jack played thirds football for the Blues. This was at a time when Carlton was building a strong team towards it's 1938 premiership, so places even in the reserves team were extremely competitive.

In 1938 he was invited to try out for Fitzroy where he played in the 1938 and 1939 season in the reserves.

In 1940 Jack crossed over to Collingwood Districts where a number of his mates played, including Lou Richards.

Following a family tragedy he enlisted for the war, saying he was 21 when he was only 19 so he did not need consent from his mother. He served in the 2/23rd and on 28th December 1944 was medically discharged where his service of country and football was ended at the age of just 23.

Jack is the cousin of 1963 Carlton reserves premiership player Robert Guest.

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Jack GUEST

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GUEST, Jack

Personal Details

Service Number: VX36864
Enlisted: 28 May 1941
Last Rank: Private
Last Unit: Infantry Training Battalions
Born: Carlton, Victoria, Australia, 1 October 1921
Home Town: Melbourne, Melbourne, Victoria
Schooling: Collingwood Technical School, Victoria, Australia
Occupation: Labour
Died: Metastic disease, carcinoma of pancreas, Heidelberg, Victoria, Australia, 18 April 1987, aged 65 years
Cemetery: Fawkner Memorial Park Cemetery, Victoria
South Lawn, Row H, Grave 108
Memorials:

Biography

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Enlisted under alias VX75409 Jack Hooke 13 February 1942 - 27 December 1944

Biography

Jack Guest (1921-1987) was an elite schoolboy footballer who played reserve grade as a 15 year old for the Carlton Football Club in the VFL in 1936. He later went on to play for Fitzroy reserves team also in the VFL, as a 17 year old in 1938.

Precocious, he first tried to enlist in the AIF as a volunteer on the 24th January 1941 as a 19 year old without parental consent. Recruiter's detected his false age claim and his application VF5304 haulted.

He then presented himself successfully on the 28th May 1941 as Jack Guest (VX36864), born 1st October 1918. The 19 year old passing himself off as 21, enlisted along with his 25 year old brother, Clifton Henry Guest (1913-1979) (VX36839).

That day Jack and Cliff joined their elder brother, 28 year old Percy James Guest (Nx8081). Percy served at home in the Australian Citizen's Military Force, based at Balcombe, Victoria.

All three Guest brothers, Jack, Cliff and Percy survived WWII, and went on to raise families.

Brother Jack, Cliff and Percy Guest, are the maternal nephews of Percy William Logan (1885-1918) who was killed in action at the Somme on 9th October 1918.

They are also the patrilineal cousins of Albert "Berty" Edward Guest (VX19043), who died of wounds on 7th July 1941 in Syria, and David Lindsay Guest (1920-1943), VX28286, who died of illness at Ambon, Netherlands, East Indies, now known as Indonesia.

David became a Japanese P.O.W on the 17th February 1942 and died of dysentery on the 12th December, 1942. He was a member of the Gull Force sent to Ambon and disembarked on the 17th December 1941.

1939/45 star

The 1939-45 Star is awarded for service between 3 September 1939 and 2 September 1945 for a period of six months (180 days) operational service for RAN and Army personnel and RAAF non-air crew personnel

Pacific Defence Star

The Pacific Star is awarded for entry into operational service in the Pacific Theatre of Operations between 8 December 1941 and 2 September 1945.

Defence Medal

The Defence Medal is awarded for six months service in a prescribed non-operational area subject to enemy air attack or closely threatened, in Australia and overseas, or for 12 months service in non-prescribed non-operational areas.

Within Australia the area is the Northern Territory, north of 14 degrees 30 minutes south, and the Torres Strait Islands between 3 September 1939 and 2 September 1945.

Overseas service includes the Middle East, east of the Suez Canal (less the period of the Syrian Campaign) or Malaya prior to the Japanese invasion on 8 December 1941.

War Medal

The War Medal 1939-45 was awarded for 28 days full-time service in the Armed Forces between 3 September 1939 and 2 September 1945. Operational and non-operational service may be counted, providing that it was of 28 days or more duration.

Australian Service Medal

The Australia Service Medal 1939-1945 was instituted in 1949 to recognise the service of members of the Australian Armed Forces and the Australian Mercantile Marine during World War II.